Dear Parents and carers,

**NAPLAN 2014 Student Reports**

If you are the parent of a student in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 you will be receiving an individual report of your child’s results for the NAPLAN tests they sat in May this Friday 5 September 2014. These test results will provide parents and educators with a snapshot of how students are progressing individually, as part of their school community and as a nation. Schools use this data to evaluate and track learning over a period of years. Please feel free to discuss your child’s results with their classroom teacher. More information about NAPLAN tests and the National Assessment Program can be found by visiting the NAP website (www.nap.edu.au).

**Health Update**

It has been brought to our attention that several students have recently become infected with Chicken Pox. We also have a teacher who has been diagnosed with Pertussis (whooping cough) and another teacher who contracted H1N1 virus (human swine flu). While these teachers have taken all necessary precautions and currently on sick leave it is important to remember that these respiratory viruses are all highly contagious.

**Onesie/Pyjama Day Friday 5 September 2014**

The Year 10 Formal Committee will be hosting a gold coin donation fundraising Onesie/Pyjama day this Friday 5 September 2014. This will be conducted in conjunction with Health and PE Week and the Year 10 students will be running novelty sporting events at B1 and B2 for any students wishing to participate. This is a whole school fundraiser. Please make sure that appropriate protective footewear is worn (no slippers).

**Father’s Day Activities this week - Pastoral Care team**

The following activities are open to ALL students:
- Card making - Wednesday B1 - Community Room (library) - $1
- Cooking - Thursday B1 - Kitchen 2 (TAS building) - $5
- Stall (gifts for sale) - Friday B1 - outside Library - $5 or less

**Student Achievements**

Eliza, Tyler and Sammy from Ms Ross’ Year 3 class have written excellent recounts they have created. They have placed themselves in convict lives and explained what they experience. The responses written by each of these students were extremely extensive. This is very creative and imaginative work and these talented young writers have produced quality work.

Leo, Annika and Bianca from Ms Thorpe’s Kindergarten class have written fabulous recipes. They have recorded the process you need to go through to decorate and eat a cup cake. The work of these students is high quality and they deserve lots of credit for their excellent work.

Christian from Year 10 refereed his first rugby grand final. This was the first time he controlled a referee team with JRU appointed touch judges. He faced the challenge of refereeing as well as leading a team. We wish him well in his contributions to our broader community.
Omar from 4TRU with a chess puzzle that stumped me! Can you find the check mate in one move, white pieces next move? (Pictured left).

Two Michael’s from Year 5 helped me build my chess understanding by leading me in a multi-step check mate. After careful consideration, I worked through what they have called “The Electric Fence” move (pictured right).

Congratulations to the Year 7-10 girl’s hockey team for coming first in the ACT schools tournament. They played extremely hard and were wonderful ambassadors for our school throughout the competition. We wish the girls representing the ACT team all the best at the Nationals.

Jake from 3NRO has been learning about adding and subtracting different fractions. This is impressive work from a boy so young (pictured left).

George from Mrs Ianna’s Year 3 class created a fantasy island inclusive of an airport and theme park. His description of his island was fascinating. George has plans to turn his design into reality when he grows up (pictured right).

Ebony from 3EPO has been using an atlas to locate different countries throughout the world. Her teacher was extremely proud of how hard she engaged in this project (pictured left).

Class Visits
In Ms Thomas’ Year 2 class the students have been learning about how communication, transport and buildings have changed over time. The students invited Mr Powell to visit their class and share examples from his experience of how things have changed. They were amazed to learn Mr Powell had a crystal set for a radio as a child and a black and white TV. They were also interested to hear that the school he attended as a Year 2 student that had pit toilets and ink wells for his quill pens. All the students agree that learning today with the technology we now enjoy is a great improvement compared to many years ago. The students were asking a great range of questions that showed they had thought deeply about their topic. What a great learning experience.

As always, please contact the Deputy Principals; Janine Gould A/g, Gail Taylor, Sam Beattie, Karen Moore A/g or myself, to clarify any issue of concern to you. The whole school team at Amaroo School are committed to working with our community to ensure our students have the very best opportunities to learn.

Ben Hall
A/g Principal
Amaroo School

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4 August 2014

Richard Powell
Principal
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Katherine Avenue
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Dear Mr Powell,

RE: ACTION’s New School Services Network

On Monday 1 September 2014 a significantly enhanced ACTION bus network, including more direct routes, better connections, increased frequency and improved weekend services, will commence. This will include a new school services network.

Over the past 12 months ACTION has reviewed all school services and school service patronage. As a result changes to the school services network have been made to increase network efficiency and reinvest resources into the morning and afternoon peaks. Some school routes are unchanged and others have been redesigned or merged. Where patronage levels no longer support a dedicated school route this has been replaced by regular route services. Approximately 59% of school student boardings are already on regular route services.

As this new ACTION school services network may affect many students we are providing four weeks’ notice to schools, students and parents to help them prepare.

Information about school bus services and regular routes which service schools is now available on the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au and details of any changes affecting your school are listed below. A dedicated schools information hotline has also been established to handle enquiries.

ACTION would appreciate your assistance in circulating this information to students and parents using your existing communications channels, such as school emails, newsletters or notices.

Thank you in advance and should you have any queries please contact the dedicated schools information hotline on 6205 5033.

Yours Sincerely,

James Roncon
Director, Public Transport
School Service Changes for Amaroo Primary

Please visit the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au or call the dedicated school's information hotline on 6205 5033 for full details of changes and new school service network routes, maps and start/finish times.

Please note: Although a school service may be unchanged in route and direction, please check the start and finish times.

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